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Ongoing Happenings

WSU Service Knitting Circle
Fridays, 12-1pm
162 CoLA Conference Room

Women's Center & Rainbow Alliance Wind Downs
Fridays, 2-3pm
Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

Wright Parenting
Every other Thursday, 5-6pm
Upcoming Dates: Nov 29, Dec 6
145 Med Sci Building

FMLA
Thursdays, 12:30-1:30pm
Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

For more information visit wright.edu/women or call (937) 775-4524

Our Mission

The Wright State University Women's Center offers resources and support for women on campus and in the surrounding area through facilitating connections, providing resources, and advocating for equitable experiences and opportunities for all people. The Center actively seeks to create an environment in which women are supported, encouraged, and less isolated than what has been documented historically.

November

20 Serve.Honor.Empower: A Conversation with Genevieve Chase
Presidential Lecture Series

Community Reception
5:30-6:45pm, Skylight Lobby, Student Union
Lecture
7:00pm, Apollo Room, Student Union

Chase is the founder and executive director of American Women Veterans and a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom VII. After enlisting in the US Army Reserve in 2003, Chase volunteered to serve with the Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry). While Deployed in Afghanistan as a Sergeant in 2006, her vehicle was attacked by a suicide vehicle—borne improvised explosive device. The passengers survived the attack, but suffered varying degrees of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS). To counter symptoms of TBI and PTS, Chase dedicated herself to veterans' advocacy.

December

3 World AIDS Day
World AIDS Awareness
10:00am-2:00pm, Millett Hall Atrium

To commemorate World AIDS Day on December 1st, there will be red ribbons, free resources, and safer sex kits available in Millett Hall Atrium as well as free, confidential HIV/AIDS testing.

5 Santa Comes to the Atrium
Wright Parenting Hosts Santa for Children of Students, Staff, and Faculty of WSU
12:00-5:00pm, Student Union Atrium

Santa will be making an appearance at WSU! Donate a new toy for a child in need, write a letter to Santa, or meet the legend himself! All are welcome!

7 WSU Service Knitting Circle Winter Display Day

Winter Donation Display
12:00-1:00pm, Millett Hall Atrium

The WSU Service Knitting Circle will be displaying their completed projects for our winter donation of blankets, scarves, hats, and mittens to Greene County Children Services. Stop in to see our work and drop off any other completed donations!

7 Just Dance Party!

De-Stress and Have Fun Before Finals
7:00-10:00pm, Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

Join us in the Women's Center the Friday before finals for a Wii Just Dance party! We will have pizza and snacks available, door prizes, lots of music, and, of course, Just Dance!

January

8 WC Volunteer Day
12:00-3:00pm, Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

Stop in anytime between noon and 3pm to volunteer in the Women's Center! Volunteers will collaborate on projects and events that advance the mission of the Women's Center.

February

5 WC Volunteer Day
12:00-3:00pm, Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

Stop in anytime between noon and 3pm to volunteer in the Women's Center! All are welcome!

14 All About V-Day 2013
11:30am-12:30pm Women's Center, 148 Millett Hall

Join us for a brown bag lunch discussion about healthy relationships and the origin of V-Day. For more information, visit our website wright.edu/women.

14-16 FMLA Presents: The Vagina Monologues

7:00pm Thursday, Feb 14 & Friday, Feb 15, Directors Lab, Creative Arts Center
2:00pm Saturday, Feb 16, Directors Lab, Creative Arts Center

The Vagina Monologues is based on the book of the same title by Eve Ensler. Witty and irreverent, compassionate and wise, *The Vagina Monologues* gives voice to real women's deepest fantasies and fears. The play guarantees that no one who sees it will ever look at a woman's body, or think of sex, in quite the same way again. Tickets will be on sale beginning January 7th in the box office in the Student Union. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 with a valid Wright1 card or \$10 at the door, space permitting. Seats are limited, so please plan to purchase tickets early!

Be an Intern in the Women's Center!

This fall, the Women's Center launched an intern program led by the Center's new graduate assistant, Margaret Murray. Any WSU student interested in interning in the Women's Center during the spring semester should e-mail Margaret at murray.117@wright.edu. Check out our fall semester interns below!



Emily

Emily Goodhart

Working at the Women's Center has been very fulfilling! I became an Intern this semester and have been involved in Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness projects. My best creation was, of course, the Domestic Violence Peace Tree! We received many positive and uplifting notes. I am currently looking forward to promoting our World AIDS Day project and redecorating the Women's Center.



Khadija

Khadija Kirksey

My name is Khadija Kirksey and I'm a sassy feminist and a devoted scholar. As an intern at Wright State's Women's Center, I hope to advocate for all of the communities that I represent by fostering inclusive environments and being informative. I am also a proud Raider.



Abby

Abby Kuras

I am a senior in the Criminal Justice program at Wright State. I love being an intern at the Women's Center on campus! My favorite project that we've done so far is Love Your Body Day. I am a Pinterest junkie and love Geo Caching and painting. I hope to use my experiences I gain from the Women's Center to help people in the future.

Women's Center Receives Grant from AAUW

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) released a new study showing that just one year out of college, women are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers. Women are paid less than men even when they do the same work and major in the same field. The AAUW report, ***Graduating to a Pay Gap***, also found that 20 percent of women working full time one year after graduation devote more than 15 percent of their earnings to paying back college loans. AAUW called on universities across the nation for project proposals related to their latest report.

Wright State University Women's Center was one of the few universities chosen to receive funding to implement its proposal: *Learn, Negotiate, Succeed: Educating to End the Wage Gap*. Stayed tuned for upcoming information regarding this project, which is slated for Spring 2013!

Read AAUW's latest report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap*:

<http://aauw.org/GraduatetoaPayGap/upload/AAUWGraduatingtoaPayGapReport.pdf>

The Invisible War

On October 30th, the Women's Center and Women's Studies Program hosted two screenings of *The Invisible War*. The evening screening was made possible through a partnership with the Air Force ROTC and included 160 cadets with their commander Lt. Colonel Richard Hughes. After each screening of the film, panelists from the Dayton VA Medical Center, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, WSU Counseling & Wellness, and Wright Patterson Air Force Base SARC discussed the impact of the film and its relationship to their work.

Focusing on the powerfully emotional stories of rape victims, *The Invisible War* is a moving indictment of the systemic cover-up of military sex crimes, chronicling the women's struggles to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. It also features hard-hitting interviews with high-ranking military officials and members of Congress that reveal the perfect storm of conditions that exist for rape in the military, its long-hidden history, and what can be done to bring about much-needed change.

The Invisible War is owned by the WSU Library and is available for checkout!

Save the Date!
Take Our
Daughters &
Sons to Work
Day
April 2, 2013

WC by the Numb3rs

- The WSU Service Knitting Circle has been meeting for **9** months since its inception.
- Over the last **11** weeks of this semester, an average of **18** people have come to the weekly meetings. That's a total of **198** people this semester so far!
- Our last donation to Michael's House, a child advocacy center, was **33** blankets, which is over **100%** than our first donation of **15** blankets!

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